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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9209
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FOR USDEL MTN

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TAGS: ETRD MTN GT
SUBJ: GUATEMALA AND THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. STATE 24987, B. STATE 31614

BEGIN SUMMARY: MTN POSITION PRESENTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER,
MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, AND CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET
SECRETARIAT. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND TO
C.A. POSTS A PRESENTATION TO THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS SUGGESTING
INCLUSION OF MTN SUBJECT AT VICE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY
CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SAN JOSE ON FEBRUARY 23-25. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR SUMMARIZED TO FONMIN MOLINA THE POINTS MADE
REF A ON THE MTN AND LEFT HIM AN AIDE-MEMOIRE COVERING THESE
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POINTS IN DETAIL. THE FONMIN INDICATED THAT GUATEMALA IS
BEING REPRESENTED IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS BY THEIR
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA AND UNDERTOOK TO SEND
HIM A MESSAGE INSTRUCTING HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE
US REPRESENTATIVES.

2. A COPY OF AIDE-MEMOIRE WAS ALSO PRESENTED TO THE VICE

MINECON WITH LONG PRESENTATION OF BACKGROUND ON THE MTN INCLUDING PAUL LEWIS ARTICLE IN "NEW YORK TIMES" OF FEB.5, 1978.

3. IN ADDITION, AIDE-MEMOIRE ALSO PRESENTED TO ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF SIECA, THE SECRETARIEAT OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET. A FULL DISCUSSION PLUS ADDITIONAL MATERIALS WERE LEFT FOR CONSIDERATION.

4. A MEETING OFR VICE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY FOR INTEGRATION IS SCHEDULED FOR SAN JOSE FEB. 23-25. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY, AND THE ONLY ONE BEFORE MARCH DEAD-LINE, FOR NECESSARY COORDINATION OF CENTRAL AMERICAN OFFERS IF THEY CAN BE GENERATED. MTN IS NOT AN AGENDA ITEM, BUT THE VICE MINISTER SUGGESTED WE SEE IF SIECA MIGHT ADD IT. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS, SIECA DID NOT FEEL EMPOWERED TO ADD MTN BUT WOULD SUPPORT SUCH A MOVE BY THE VICE MINISTERS.A SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH THE VICE MINISTER INDICATED THAT RECEPTIVITY TO ADD MTN TO THE AGENDA WOULD BE HIGHER IF THE RESPECTIVE C.A. VICE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY WERE FOREWARNED AND PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES. GUATEMALA, FOR ONE, WOULD BE PREPARED, HE SAID. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMEND THE CONCERNED POSTS SPEAK TO THE APPROPRIATE HOST OFFICIALS TO THE END OF INCLUDING THE MTN ON THE VICE MINISTER S OF ECONOMY CONFERENCE AGENDA.
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